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STARTING A GREAT WORK.

Although many people criticize Henry Ford for his proposed peace expedition to Europe, it may mean more than now appears to the majority of people.

He can hardly hope to make peace, but if he only starts the movement he has accomplished a great work. If he can get the attention of the warring nations he will have performed wonders. This expedition will surely be followed by other people and influences all working to bring about peace, and there is every reason to believe that continued and persistent efforts will help in adjusting matters and eventually bring about peace.

Mr. Ford, with his great wealth and busy life, can have no selfish end in view in planning this trip, and his humane interests is encouraging and to be highly commended.

YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

Solomon, the wise, says: "A prudent man foreseeth the evil and hideth himself, but the simple pass on and are punished."

Which is true enough in many ways—big and little. Prudence pays, as does intelligent forethought also.

Even in so small a matter as Christmas shopping, foresight is worth something.

Here, for instance, are two things about the Santa Claus season which any moderately prudent person ought to foresee without difficulty:

(a) He (or she) must make some Christmas gifts to some people. The custom is so firmly established and so uniformly observed that the person that fails to take his part as a kindly Santa Claus is apt to suffer; (b) the humiliation of waking up Christmas morning and finding that his friends had been more thoughtful than he, and that it is then too late to send something at the proper time in return.

And the prudent person can also easily foresee that he (or she) must buy his Christmas presents in the stores.

It is, of course, a delightful thing to receive a desirable present made by the giver. But in the hustling precipitancy of the pre-Christmas season, it is not often that the giver can find time to fashion a present with his own hands.

And, after all, the shops can supply better articles for gifts than most persons can invent.

The prudent person can foresee, too, that since he must do some Christmas shopping, it will be far better for him (or her) to shop early.

Don't wait until the stocks in the stores have been picked over so that the very article upon which you had fixed your mind is gone,

or soiled by frequent handling.

Don't wait until the clerks are so besieged and tired out that they have no time or disposition to help you out.

Don't wait until the stampeding crowds that always pack the shops just before Christmas make your shopping unpleasant and sometimes dangerous.

Don't wait until it is too late to return a defective article, or too late for these stores to make a timely delivery.

In short, don't wait until you will have to do your shopping under such circumstances of hurry and exasperation that it takes all the Christmas joy out of the job!

Of course, if any shopper (he or she) feels it necessary to be disciplined, chastised and humbled, that end can be reached (in a moderate way) by postponing the Santa Claus purchases until the last moment, and then traveling downtown in crowded cars, elbowing a difficult passage through the mobs in the stores, hastily choosing and then fighting the way home again!

"But the simple pass on and are punished." Better do your Santa Claus shopping now!

—Jackson Daily News.

DIAGNOSE YOURSELF.

There is a peculiar germ which men quickly discover in others, but seldom in themselves. Its name is fault.

"He is lifeless who is faultless," says an old proverb, meaning the only perfect men are dead men.

There are many kinds of Fault germs. Chief among them cruelty, constant nagging, fault-finding and selfishness.

These make disagreeable men, and disagreeable men make a disagreeable world.

Life is what you make it, and you make it as you think it.

To a man with a smile the earth is a circus—to the dismal man who lacks cheer the earth is a "sea of troubles."

He who meets others with growls in youth will be greeted with growls in old age.

The man who selfishly refuses aid to the needy, should not look for aid when he is in need.

The first symptoms of Fault infection is to be unaware of its presence.

Cheerfulness, ambition, sincerity and brotherly feelings are the best medicines—and surest cures.

Lucky the man who knows his Faults—happy the man who labors against them.

Be your own physician—diagnose yourself carefully—seek out your Fault germs ruthlessly—no not rest until you kill them.—Ex.

CHEERFULNESS CONSERVED.

The father of a St. Louis lad had given him a 10c piece and a quarter, telling him that he might put one or the other on the church contribution plate. At dinner the father asked the boy which coin he had given.

"Well, father," responded the lad, "at first it seemed to me that I ought to put the quarter in the plate, but just then I remembered the saying, 'The Lord loveth a cheerful giver,' and I knew that I could give the 10c piece a great deal more cheerfully. So I put that in."—The Continent.

Some people are actually so stingy when they get to heaven they will fold their hallo up and tuck it away safely in a bureau drawer.

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PREPAREDNESS.

At last as a nation we are waking from long years a comfortable, indifferent lethargy, and the cold fact is staring us in the face that our boasted strength is a myth. If attacked today we have, as compared to other large countries, very little in the shape of coast defense. We could be whipped a dozen times while we were organizing for protection. The kind Providence which has watched over us thus far should not be overworked; we must now do for ourselves.

The plan for increased army and navy which the President will send to Congress will meet with approval by the large majority of Americans. Such substantial increase in equipment calls for a corresponding increase in men. Privates and sailors can be trained to a fair degree of usefulness in a few months; but officers, such as this country needs, require several years in the making. At present we have one military school, West Point, and one naval academy, Annapolis.

The present capacity of West Point is about 700, with an average annual graduation of only 130.

During the present war the English have frequently lost in a few days more officers than the entire yearly graduation at West Point. In view, therefore of the fact that the training a young man receives at the military academy specially fits him for life work of a high order as a civilian, it would seem advisable to increase the number of military academies by establishing one in the central West and one on the Pacific coast. The graduations of all three would in time produce 600 or 800 trained officers per year. Even at this rate, deducting deaths and disabilities, it would require at least 10 years to produce a total of 5,000 officers; and this assumes doubling the capacity of West Point and building two more schools equally large.

In these days, mere courage, of however high an order, will not compensate for lack of training in the officer, and now that armies are spelled in millions instead of thousands, the necessity for officers by the thousands becomes evident.

The United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, established in 1854 and enlarged a few years ago, has a capacity of 1,300, and an average annual graduation of 165. Somewhere on the Great Lakes and on the Pacific coast sister naval academies could well be operated to advantage; providing in time reserves of trained men available when needed, but who otherwise would engage in various industrial, professional and engineering occupations.—H. H. Windsor in Popular Mechanics.

"Did you ever intimate that I had a red nose?"
"No," replied Sorghum.
"My nephew told me you take as much care of your nose as you do of your Sunday suit and laundry. Remember it on my next visit."—Washington Star.

"Henpecked Henry."

Hilton Powell's "Henpecked Henry," a musical comedy of the merriest sort, with a sprightly chorus of femininity, will be seen at the Columbus Theatre. The comedy is broad but the lines are so cleverly written that the humor never borders on mere burlesque. The story deals with a much married man, whose wife is inclined to rule the home with an iron hand. Her tyranny leads to many funny experiences. Domestic life is always a splendid subject for stage treatment and there is no play that handles it in such an amusing way as does "Henpecked Henry."

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State of Mississippi, Lowndes County.

By virtue of authority conferred upon me as trustee in that certain deed of trust executed by A. S. Wilson on the 7th day of September, 1914, to me as trustee to secure the payment of certain indebtedness named and described therein to the Bank of Itta Bena, which said deed of trust is of record in Book 101 at page 271 of the records of clerk in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Lowndes County, Mississippi, reference to which is hereby made in the payment of said indebtedness, at the request of the legal holder thereof, to-wit the Bank of Itta Bena, and in order to satisfy and pay said indebtedness, I will on the 6th day of December, 1915, in front of the Court House door in said County and State, in the city of Columbus, within legal hours, according to law, offer for sale and sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at public auction the property conveyed by said deed of trust and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

The south half of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section nineteen and the south half of the southeast quarter of southwest quarter of section nineteen and all of the northwest quarter of section thirty, all in township eighteen, range seventeen west, Lowndes County, Mississippi, containing two hundred acres of land more or less. The title to the above described land is believed to be good, but will convey only such title as is vested in me as trustee.

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